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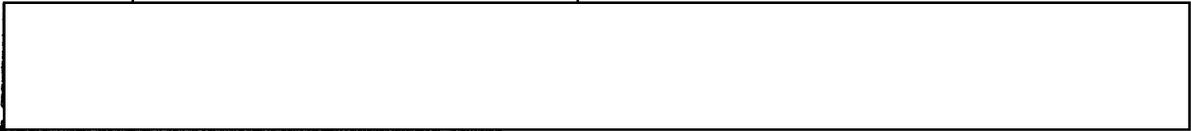
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North Korean Troops and Guns:

1. One battalion was at P'aech'on (CU 942191) (127-46, 39-01).
2. Two infantry companies and one signal corps platoon were at Amnyong (CU 918311) (127-44, 39-06) with two large Soviet artillery pieces.
3. An isolated house outside Hoehwa (CU 976207) was headquarters for a battalion. Many artillery pieces were concealed in the hills surrounding the house.
4. One platoon was at Ch'ilbo-ri (CU 9623) (127-48, 39-03).
5. One company was at Chongdang (CU 936257) organizing civilians to lay land mines.
6. Forty civilian houses at Piullyong (CU 825205) (127-38, 39-02) were filled with troops. An additional two regiments were in the hills surrounding the village.
7. Two hundred troops with one Soviet truck and seven U.S. artillery pieces were in Songjon (127-28, 39-20).
8. A special task force left Anbyon (127-31, 39-03) and billeted in the villages to the east: Yongch'on, Yonghung, Taedae, Pangye, Yonhwa, Soyong-ni, Songhyon, and Paeksan. All civilians were evacuated and only troops were there.
9. In the area between Anbyong and Ogye-ri (CU 749282) (127-33, 39-06), there was a large troop concentration, estimated at five divisions. The hills and slopes between the two towns were filled with troops.
10. A large number of troops in the Munch'on (CU 5249) (127-17, 39-17) area were moving towards Hamhung.



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11. Three anti-aircraft guns and five U.S.-made artillery pieces were concealed in the area of Kwansang-ni (CU 598410) (127-22, 39-13).
12. Three anti-aircraft guns and two artillery pieces were on the slope of the hill near Sokdae-ri (CU 9523) (127-47, 39-03).

Regrouping, UN Shelling, and Propaganda:

13. The troops that had regrouped at Yangdok (126-54, 39-10) and in the preliminary areas of Munch'on and Anbyon started south over the central mountain range, avoiding roads and railroads and keeping entirely in the mountains, with all equipment carried by hand. The movement started at night on 15 March from Yangdok and continued through the day and night of 16-17 March, when the last troops left. Twenty thousand fresh Chinese Communist troops from the north moved into Yangdok.
14. The UN naval shelling of Anbyon resulted in 400 casualties and destroyed most of the town. Most of the Communist troops were in the hills and were little affected. The casualties of the Wonsan shelling on 15-16 March have been rechecked and confirmed at up to 6,000.
15. North Korean propaganda current in the Wonsan area states the following: that Britain, France, and Australia are ready to abandon Korea because of the heavy casualties inflicted by the Chinese Communist and North Korean armies; that only the reactionary U. S. wants to stay and conquer Korea; that the U.S. has six armies in the field plus the best troops of the other countries and still cannot win; that when the USSR throws in her full support final victory will be attained; and that if the Chinese Communists and North Koreans can hold now they will undoubtedly win when the USSR declares war.

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